



# NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Nebraska State Patrol announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release:**

Jeremy Ziegler, age 36 of Omaha, was sentenced for the receipt and distribution of child pornography. The Honorable Laurie Smith Camp sentenced Ziegler to 7 years imprisonment and a \$500 fine. After his release from prison Ziegler will serve a five year term of supervised release.

On March 17, 2010, officers of the FBI Cyber Crimes Task Force and the Nebraska State Patrol executed a search warrant on Ziegler's La Vista residence. The warrant sought evidence of child pornography. A desktop computer and a USB drive seized from the house contained two hundred videos of child pornography. More than half of the videos involved prepubescent minors. Ziegler admitted to downloading and receiving child pornography.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafefchildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafefchildhood.gov).

This matter was investigated by the Omaha FBI's Cyber Crime Task Force, of which the Nebraska State Patrol is a partner. The Omaha CCTF is a multi-jurisdictional task force consisting of eleven federal, state and local law enforcement agencies from Nebraska and Iowa. The mission of the Omaha CCTF is to investigate and apprehend high technology criminals and to protect our communities by preventing high technology crime and national security threats involving computers and computer networks. The Omaha CCTF was established on the premise that the capabilities of law enforcement agencies to investigate computer and high technology related crimes are enhanced in a task force setting involving the sharing of resources and expertise.

**Name of Defendant:** Jeremy Ziegler

**AKA:**

**Age:** 36

**City of residence:** La Vista, Nebraska

**Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty** (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Receipt and Distribution of Child Pornography, 5-20 years imprisonment, \$250,000 fine, 5 years to life term of supervised release, \$100 special assessment.

**Specific Location of Alleged Crime:** La Vista, Nebraska

**Location of Arrest:** La Vista, Nebraska

**Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:**

**Relevant Dates:**

**Date of Alleged Crime:** On or about the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009

**Federal Arrest Date:** May 19, 2010

**Indictment Returned Date:** April 21, 2010

**Initial Appearance Date:** May 19, 2010

**Plea or Trial and Date(s):** Pled on July 23, 2010

**Sentencing Date:** November 15, 2010

**Assigned Magistrate Judge:** The Honorable Thomas D. Thalken

**Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:** Released from Custody

**In Continuous Custody Since:** N/A

**Assigned District Court Judge:** The Honorable Laurie Smith Camp

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